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All the build up to play-off weekend

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£25m university campus launched

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Hannah wins Mad Hair prize

YOU voted for Hannah Tearle as the winner of our Mad March Hair Competition.

The 27-year-old submitted her picture as a rock star at a party, and it received the most votes in an MK NEWS online reader poll.

Hannah admitted that while it had taken more than an hour to get her hair ready for the snap, winning the exclusive competition had made it all worthwhile.

"I didn't expect to win, but I'm delighted," she told MK NEWS.

Hannah and three friends will now get a makeover at Style Hair & Beauty in Wing, and VIP tickets to see Hairspray at Milton Keynes Theatre next week, including a 'meet and greet' with the cast.

You can find a full preview of Hairspray on page 41.

Pothole repairs row rumbles on in MK

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A NEW row has erupted over pothole repairs after two councillors claimed they were refused information on where urgently needed work would take place.

Cllr Mick Legg and Cllr Nigel Long have said that the highways and transport department at Milton Keynes Council has denied their request for information.

It comes after they claimed that potholes in areas like Bletchley were being ignored. Three weeks ago MK NEWS highlighted problems in Neath Crescent, Bletchley, which has more than 50 holes. They have still not been repaired according to Cllr Legg.

Cllr Legg said: "This council has a poor record on potholes.

"They still haven't fixed potholes we pointed out weeks ago that are causing massive problems across MK."

Cllr Long added: "I am concerned about the secrecy over potholes."

Angry MK NEWS readers have vented their frustrations at the state of the roads on social media sites including our Twitter feed @thisisMKnews.

But Milton Keynes Council defended its record, saying the repair list was always updated on a priority basis, and the recent cold snap had hampered repair work.

A council spokesman said: "The council is well aware of areas that need urgent repairs. Pothole repairs are given priority based on reports from the public, the size of the pothole and the amount of traffic that uses that particular road.

"The pothole repair programme is not based on parish boundaries.

"Snow and ice all contribute to the creation of potholes and due to the extended cold snap road temperatures have been too low to undertake this work any sooner. We will send out 'pothole patrols' in April."

For more see www.mk-news.co.uk.

Mobile phone thief hands back SIM card

THAMES Valley Police is appealing for witnesses after a teenage boy was mugged on Monday.

The 15-year-old victim was walking near to Leon recreation ground in Leon Avenue, Bletchley at about 2.30pm when the incident took place.

The thief, who is thought to be aged 16 or 17, approached the youngster and put an arm around his shoulders before grilling the victim about what personal belongings he was carrying.

After demanding the boy's phone, the youth searched the victim's pockets and took his Blackberry mobile.

He then removed the SIM card and returned it to victim before fleeing with the phone.

The black male offender has been described as being of a medium build, around 5ft 6ins tall, with brown eyes and large nostrils.

At the time of the attack he was wearing a thick, cream-colour hooded jumper with a zip and pockets. He had the hood pulled up to cover part of his face and spoke with a local accent.

The victim was not injured in the robbery.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or recognises the description of the offender should contact Detective Constable Samantha Reynolds via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 101.

If you don't want to speak directly to the police, you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

• Police and mobile phone service providers increasingly use SIM cards as a way to track stolen phones.

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Violent robber jailed after stabbing attack

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A VIOLENT robber has been sentenced to 11 years and six months in prison after two serious attacks including one in which a man was stabbed in the leg.

Adrian Hayward, 36, of Mellish Court, Bletchley, was jailed at Amersham Crown Court on Wednesday after being found guilty by a jury.

The court heard how Hayward rushed an occupant at an address in Mellish Court in a late-night raid on October 23.

The thug stole a wallet and left his victim with lacerations to his face.

It came just a week after Hayward had attacked the same man – stabbing him in the leg during the incident.

Speaking after the court hearing, investigating officer Detective Constable Darren Street said: "I welcome the custodial sentence given to Hayward, who will now have time to reflect on his crimes in prison.

"The sentence sends out a strong and clear message that incidents of robbery and assault will not be tolerated and those committing offences like this will be brought to justice."

Behind bars: Adrian Hayward

Picture perfect: An artist's impression of what the new Volkswagen HQ in Delaware Drive will look like

Motor giant to open £25m HQ

VOLKSWAGEN Financial Services has announced that it will be building a new £25m headquarters in the city.

The 100,000 sq ft premises, to be opened in Tongwell, received planning permission in October 2012, and will see the current warehouse demolished and replaced with a new four-floor complex, with work set to be complete next year.

Lisa Stacey, managing director at VWFS UK, said: "Our move to the new site on Delaware Drive marks the commitment of Volkswagen Financial Services to Milton Keynes. The new building will allow VWFS to remain close to its sister company (Volkswagen Group) and provide enough space for the company to grow over the next 20 years.

"This would secure the future of VWFS as a major contributor to the economy of MK."

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Care provider in final

A CARE provider company that started in Milton Keynes has made the final of a national health designs award. PJ Care, based on Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, owns and runs Eagle Wood Neurological Care Centre in Peterborough. The centre was one of four buildings in the finals of the Best Large Care Home category of the annual Pinders Health Design Awards.

Pool lifeguards praised

MIDDLETON Pool's lifeguard training program achieved 100 per cent on its latest assessment. The Institute of Qualified Lifeguard's report said: "Overall a very well organised centre with good systems in place. Well done."

34 brave snow to clean canal

A STRETCH of the Grand Union Canal was given a clean-up at the weekend, despite the biting snow and wind.

The 34 volunteers, made up of the MK branch of the Inland Waterways Association, braved the snow to clear 10-miles of canal from Fenny Stratford over to Wolverton.

More than 10 tons of rubbish was removed from the water and adjacent towpath and banks.

Amongst the rubbish was a variety of items, including 20 supermarket shopping trolleys, 27 bicycles, assorted traffic cones and road signs, a tractor tyre, mattresses, carpets, lawn mowers, and garden tools.

Sign up to Architect in the House

TV architect George Clarke is offering homeowners in Milton Keynes a unique opportunity to improve their home by signing up to Architect in the House 2013.

The scheme, launching this month, matches homeowners with local RIBA architects, and at the same time raises money for housing charity Shelter.

'The Restoration Man' presenter is encouraging homeowners to develop their ideas with a RIBA chartered architect, and the scheme has raised £1.7m for Shelter over a 17-year period.

Charity Dogs for the Disabled provided Jason Felce with man's best friend, Zeke. Picture by Ben Langdon

Charity group raises £13,500

THE Dogs for the Disabled Supporter Group in Milton Keynes raised more than £13,500 last year according to figures released on Friday.

The charity raised money through supermarket collections, school and community groups, running charity stands at local events and managing collection tins at local businesses.

The money goes towards providing dogs for disabled people like Jason Felce, *pictured*, from Milton Keynes

It costs about £12,000 to train each dog and a further £20,000 to fund the dog for its working life.

More than 630 dogs have been trained to date and there are currently 275 actively working across England and Wales. About 56 work with children who have a disability.

Yasmin Smyth, a spokesperson for the Supporter Group for Milton Keynes, said: "We're so thrilled to be able to contribute to such a worthwhile cause."

For more information visit www.dogsforthedisabled.org

Rail commuters facing fares rise

BY ANNABEL HOWARD
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CONCERNS have been raised over government plans to hit rail commuters with a 40 per cent rise in Super Peak ticket prices.

Andrew Pakes, Labour Parliamentary spokesman for Milton Keynes South, spoke out against the possible changes which are aimed at easing congestion on busy trains.

Mr Pakes joined campaigners at stations across the city on Monday to hand out leaflets to rail passengers about the government's plans.

The increased fares being considered could see commuters being forced to cough up more cash to travel on the most popular train services.

Andrew Pakes said: "Milton Keynes already has some of the most crowded trains in the country, and now the government is considering charging passengers even more.

"Regular commuters are already paying thousands for a season ticket.

"Following the £40million shambles of the West Coast Mainline franchise, ministers should have more humility and listen to the concerns of rail passengers and rule these new fares out now."

Tory MP Iain Stewart hit back at the claims of increasing ticket costs calling it 'scaremongering'.

He said no decisions had been made and attacked Labour's decision to raise fares when they were in power.

Mr Stewart said the government was reviewing the ticketing system on trains with price incentives for travel on less busy services.

He also revealed there could be a discounted season ticket scheme for people who travel regularly but not every day on the trains.

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MK RIBA nominees

THE Quadrant and a private home in Milton Keynes are among the buildings across the UK to have been nominated for a Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) award for 2013. The buildings are among 21 to have been shortlisted for the South from 50 entries. A regional jury will judge nominations and come to a final decision, as well as dishing out national awards, on Wednesday June 12.

Easter eggs for RSPCC

GYM buffs are being offered a free day at Pure Gyms across the UK, including Milton Keynes, in exchange for an Easter egg. The donations will go to the NSPCC. Collections will be carried out from March 28-April 2.

Car hire director jailed for fraud

THE director of a Milton Keynes car hire company, who fraudulently claimed VAT refunds on vehicles he ordered but didn't buy, has been jailed for 15 months.

Anthony Church, 47, of Bow Brickhill Road, Milton Keynes, was caught after an HMRC inspector spotted discrepancies in his company's records.

Church, alongside fellow director Paul Barrett, attempted to claim more than £157,165 but some repayments were stopped.

Church pleaded guilty to two counts of fraud, and was ordered to pay £88,000. Barrett got 16 weeks, suspended for two years, and was ordered to pay £500.

Dentists to numb fear factor

A NEW dental practice says it will take away people's fears of having treatment on their teeth.

Dentist Direct, in Singleton Drive, Grange Farm, is promising that the sounds of drills are a thing of the past.

The group say that it uses Waterlase technology, a combination of lasers and water, that combats fear of traditional methods.

Mrs Girija Sree Challa, the practice's principal dentist, said: "Our treatment ensures that a child's visit to the dentist is no longer a scary outing."

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Sometimes comedy is just not funny

SIR – I can only assume that Mr Ryan Green is a comedian, albeit not a funny one, with his odd views on cyclists and road use (MK LETTERS, March 20).

I can assure Mr Green that all cyclists pay the required amount of 'road tax' as based on CO2 emissions since March 2001, band A up to 100 g/km = £0.

And if the car driver (I assume he means himself?) cannot pass because the cyclist is 'swerving back and forth away from the kerb, or riding two abreast' then it must be in a place where it is unsafe to pass. So not a problem?

I'm sure he is aware that you should give cyclists the same amount of space you'd give a car when overtaking? This means he'd be on the other side of the road way out of the way from any of this swerving or two abreast riding. Any swerving is probably said cyclists going around potholes by the way, potholes that as a good driver I'm sure Mr Green noticed were coming up in front of the cyclist and so he was expecting them to move around the hole anyway?

Andy Collins
Sent by e-mail

Do yourself a favour and start cycling

SIR - I am writing in response to the letter from Ryan Green.

I own a car and I'm sure I pay as much if not more towards our roads than Ryan does. I cycle because it is good for my health and the environment. If more people got out of their cars and walked or cycled not only would our roads be less crowded but also less polluted. Watling Street was built by the Romans for pedestrians and cattle, not for boy (or girl) wonders to flounce around in their tin boxes.

Our roads are for pedestrians, horses, cyclists and driving cattle; and yes of course motor vehicles, but only if they drive safely, with consideration to other road users.

Ryan and others should cease being so selfish, since he causes so much pollution and potholes, and get on a bike. He will be thus doing the rest of Milton Keynes and society a favour and improving his health.

Richard Manser
Downs Barn

Cyclists have just as much right to the road

SIR – Ryan Green stated that cyclists have no right to complain about the state of the roads as they do not pay road tax.

For him and others who have similar sentiments regarding cyclists' use of the roads, I would like to point out a few things.

First, there is no such thing as road tax. The maintenance of the roads is funded by local and national taxation. Vehicle excise duty (the little disc displayed in your windscreen) is based on the emissions produced by a vehicle. Low emission vehicles do not pay. There are other exemptions including disabled drivers and police cars. As the majority of cyclists are taxpayers, they too pay for the upkeep of the roads.

Secondly, most cyclists are also car owners, and pay vehicle excise duty. They choose to use a cleaner, healthier mode of transport which clogs the roads far less than a car, particularly given the excellent network of cycle ways in Milton Keynes. Even when it is not possible to use a redway, a sensible cyclist causes little inconvenience to other road users compared to other issues on the road.

My third point is that bicycles do negligible damage to the road surface. Low emission vehicles are exempt from car tax yet still use the road and cause much more wear and tear than cycles.

Fourthly, potholes and poor surfaces pose a far bigger danger to cyclists if they hit them than to car drivers. Drivers need to bear this in mind when a cyclist has to move out round a pothole.

Cyclists have an equal right to use the road. Roads have been around far longer than motor cars. I accept there are bad cyclists just as there are bad drivers but perhaps it is about time we showed each other a little more consideration.

Julie Maxwell
Sent by e-mail

Councillors should avoid political rants

SIR – All credit should be given to Norman Miles and the moderate members of the Labour Party who take a responsible position representing MK citizens at council meetings.

Although Labour and Conservatives disagree on political philosophy, it is comforting to see that councillors of both parties appreciate they are elected to vote according to the realism of how best to manage MKC – according to available resources.

Cllr Douglas McCall, Liberal Democrat Group leader, and his few party councillors still seem unable to grasp that UK councils and government are effectively broke. It's easy to seek popular votes by constantly peaching, 'we want this' and 'we demand that', without any idea of who will pay. Spending has to be affordable.

The alternative is uncontrollable debt. Council and government income comes from taxing citizens. We don't want Greece's 25 per cent unemployment, Spain's 35 per cent house price crash, or Cyprus's 20 per cent raid on our life savings.

Councillors are elected to represent Milton Keynes' residents – not to use council meetings as a forum to deliver their political rants.

John Groves
Sent by e-mail

Mark's Monthly Focus

Put your questions to Mark Lancaster MP

The budget will allow us to build success

FOLLOWING on from the budget I thought I would focus on the positive impact some of the announcements will have for our city. Too often at the moment we are feeling the pinch but the budget left us with some exciting new schemes.

Personal tax allowances rose to £10,000-a-year earlier than expected, giving £700 directly back into everyone's pocket and lifting more low income houses entirely out of paying tax. This is a fantastic move and I have already heard from many people delighted with how this will directly help them.

As a growing city with new houses being built, the government's new 'Homes to Buy' scheme will see an equity loan of 20 per cent of the value of a house for first time buyers or those trying to climb the property ladder by buying larger new build homes. This will see more young people being able to buy new properties and also allow families to buy bigger homes to suit them.

Having been recognised as one of best places to do business in the UK and with a huge number of small businesses based here, there will no doubt be many in Milton Keynes delighted with the announcement that SMEs will have a break on their National Insurance contributions saving companies £2,000 per employee. I have no doubt this will be a welcome break to some and will offer support to business owners as they try and build their companies.

Milton Keynes is a brilliant place and we have ridden the tough economic tide well but I hope that the budget will have offered all of us a little extra help to keep us on our pathway to success.

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Tidy: Members of The Parks Trust launch the anti-litter campaign on Monday morning at Campbell Park

Trust urges end to 'park littering'

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THE group responsible for Milton Keynes' parks is urging people to take their rubbish home after visits.

The Parks Trust launched the anti-rubbish campaign this week amid growing fears that litter problems are escalating.

More than 180 bin bags worth of litter are being carelessly discarded in the city's parks every week, creating a massive annual total of more than 9,360 bags.

The group say that it will have a lasting impact on its parks, and especially the wildlife that depends on the land.

The self-financing charity cares for green spaces in the city such as Campbell Park, Linford Wood, and Furzton Lake.

It is estimated that 25 per cent of the new city area is parkland.

Their website states: "These are popular places to visit, especially in the holidays, but often the clean-up after the holidays is very challenging. The Trust's message is simple – "Love Your Parks – Please Take Your Litter Home. It's easy and it's the right thing to do!

"The Parks Trust is confident that people really do love their parks and is hoping that people will sign up to its pledge and help to keep them litter free so that everyone can enjoy visiting them again and again."

David Foster, chief executive of The Parks Trust, said: "We love people having a great time in our parks – but we want people to care for them too.

"We spend a great deal of money collecting litter, around £250,000 each year, and we'd much rather spend this money on providing exciting events, more flowers and trees, working with schools or providing more facilities in the parks."

The Trust is asking for people to sign up online to pledge to take their litter home, and share the message with their friends, family and colleagues.

For more information on the campaign, visit the trust's website www.theparkstrust.com.

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Attempted burglary

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after criminals tried to break into a home in Silicon Court, Shenley Lodge last week. Offenders damaged a lock but were not able to get inside and no items were stolen. The incident is thought to have taken place between 8am last Monday and 9.10pm on Wednesday. Witnesses can contact Det Con Wendy Cissell from Milton Keynes police enquiries on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Kitchen fire in school

SCHOOLCHILDREN were safely evacuated from Green Park School at 10.45am on Monday when a fire broke out. Firefighters attended the primary school in Green Park Drive in Newport Pagnell, to deal with a small kitchen fire. Staff used a fire blanket before help arrived. Fire services from Newport Pagnell, Broughton and Great Holm ventilated the area and isolated the electricity. No staff or pupils were injured.

Join Neighbourhood Watch says MP Mark

MP MARK Lancaster is urging people to sign up for their local Neighbourhood Watch.

The MP for Milton Keynes North has been joined in his message by Cllr Alice Brammall.

The Neighbourhood Watch Association brings residents together to reduce crime, and where schemes are in operation it has been proven that crime drops significantly.

Mark Lancaster said: "The NWA in Milton Keynes offers great support to residents who want to keep their local area safe. I want to encourage all residents to join and reap all of the benefits membership offers, not least the reduction of crime."

Jobs scheme needs funds

A YMCA is offering a program that could help young people find work.

Milton Keynes YMCA, in the city centre, has put forward a program to its young people called Empower 4 Success.

E4S is designed to help young people build up their confidence and self-esteem, and give them life and employability skills.

But the group has had trouble with funding, and is looking for donations to keep it running.

Labour Cllr Paul Williams, who promised a £500 contribution from the Council Ward Budget Scheme, said: "This project is exactly the sort of thing we should be supporting."

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Ian and his wife Linda setting off on a rescue in their ambulance in 2007

Founder of Animal Ambulance dies

Linda Fletcher, 54, shows an old family photo featuring herself, husband Ian and son Ricky

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MILTON Keynes Animal Ambulance founder Ian Fletcher died last week after a nine-month battle with lung cancer.

Ian, who passed away last Wednesday aged 61, will be remembered for setting up Milton Keyne's emergency service for animals in distress 25 years ago.

He leaves a wife Linda, 54, his partner for 34 years, and son Ricky, 28, of Clay Hill, Milton Keynes.

Linda said: "Everyday was the best memory I have of him. Even though we knew the end was coming it was still a shock when it happened. We will miss him and we know the community will too."

The animal-lover rescued all five of the family's pet cats who had all been abandoned.

Linda said his greatest achievement was the rescue of Dusty, a cat discovered on the side of a road after he had been hit by a car at an estimated 70mph.

Dusty, now 13, was just a year old when the accident happened and suffered serious spinal injuries from the impact.

Surgery for Dusty would have cost £2,000 had the bills not been paid by the RSPCA.

The Animal Ambulance charity started out with the couple driving in a van helping animals in their spare time until they realised that providing the service was their calling.

Linda added: "One day we were mucking about and I was sitting in the back of the van and Ian looked at me and said 'this would make a great ambulance for animals'."

Ian's funeral was due to take place in Crownhill Crematorium this morning (Wednesday). Instead of gifts, Linda has asked for donations to Cats Protection.

300 apply for jobs at new store

MORE than 300 people applied for 65 jobs at a new Waitrose store.

The supermarket has announced that it will open its new Milton Keynes home in Oakgrove on Thursday May 9.

And in further good news, the retailer revealed that all 169 partners currently working with the shop would be transferred to the new store.

The day before moving to the new premises, the retailer will be serving its last customers in the Food Hall in Midsummer Boulevard, where Waitrose has been located for more than 25 years.

The new 31,259 sq ft store, in Chaffron Way, will be more than twice the size of the city centre store, which allowed for the introduction of the 65 new jobs.

Paul Taylor, manager of the Milton Keynes branch of Waitrose, said: "We're extremely grateful to the people of Milton Keynes for shopping with and supporting us during our 25 years at Midsummer Boulevard.

"We are really excited to be moving to the new shop, and I'm really excited that we'll be able to combine the latest Waitrose offer with the wealth of Waitrose experience and skills our Partners have developed.

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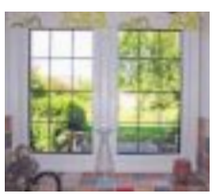

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BY ANDY HANDLEY
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WORK on one of Stony Stratford's most familiar buildings, The York House Centre, will see new facilities for community users.

Ken Daniels, chairman of York House Centre, posed for pictures at the start of the demolition of the dilapidated kitchen and store at the back of York House, before the professionals finished it off.

The work will see the construction of a kitchen and servery, alongside a 300 sq ft meeting and activity room which will be able to accommodate events for up to 50 people.

Mr Daniels said: "The new meeting room will allow the centre to give full access to both able-bodied and disabled groups, and people who have problems with stairs such as visitors with small children.

"It will be a huge benefit to the York House Centre which will mean we are able to serve the whole local community."

The scattered remains of the old kitchen, inset, Ken Daniels chips away

The Grade II listed Victorian building will lose none of its character, with the single-storey extension and the front maintaining the same Georgian style that is visible from London Road.

The centre remains open during the work and the committee has decided not to raise room hire charges from April while the building work continues.

"Once finished we will have a lovely new sparkly kitchen and a good practical sized room for all to use," added Ken.

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£25m campus is launched in city

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A NEW £25million university campus in the centre of the city was launched on Friday.

The University of Bedford's University Campus Milton Keynes (UCMK) will be based at Saxon Court on Avebury Boulevard.

The first students will arrive in September to start degrees such as Engineering & Technology, Psychology, Criminology and Journalism.

The campus, which occupies half of the three-floor building, could also be given the opportunity to expand should there be a growing number of students enlisting, with a planning application set to go before the council in April.

Bill Rammell, vice chancellor of the University of Bedfordshire, said: "This is an exciting new chapter for both the University of Bedfordshire and for Milton Keynes. University Campus Milton Keynes – UCMK – delivers on long-held local ambitions, but is also national and international in its scope.

"We will soon begin the move into Saxon Court and each University of Bedfordshire faculty and department will be represented. UCMK will be home and international as well as student and employer teaching and research."

Cllr Geary, Bill Rammell and Professor David Barrett at Friday's launch

Leader of Milton Keynes Council, Cllr Andrew Geary, was delighted to welcome the campus to the city.

He said: "UCMK will bring a major boost to the city. It has been a long term ambition to offer face-to-face degree-level teaching to our growing communities, without the need for people to travel elsewhere.

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New wig service

BY JAMES AVERILL

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FOR any person, losing their hair can be a traumatic experience.

But Tabitha Douglas thinks that she can make a huge difference in improving their confidence, and their lives.

Having initially arrived at Age UK in Peartree Bridge to operate a hairdressers for elderly people visiting the complex, Tabitha has now branched out into offering a wig service for people who suffer from alopecia, male pattern baldness, and cancer.

Smiling: Wig gives Caroline confidence

She started this latest venture after a close friend of hers was diagnosed with breast cancer and lost her hair, and she wanted to see a natural-looking wig for her friend to use.

She now holds consultations with people who wish to purchase wigs, and treats them afterwards to maintain them. Custom-made wigs, created entirely from human hair, can start from £220, but it's money that can change a life.

"I understand the devastation and lack of confidence the effects of hair loss can have on an individual, when I went through this with my close friend," says Tabitha.

"Some people are very self-conscious and it brings them to tears. But once they have found the wig that suits them, you can tell by their smile that when they have left the salon, they have got their life back."

Paul Griffiths, community developer of Age UK, said that while the service was based at Age UK, it is not exclusively for old people.

"It's a mutually beneficial partnership between Age UK and Tabitha, and it's a great service to the community.

"It's difficult for women, and men, who have illness and are going through treatment. For some it can be devastating, so having a service that gives them a confidential and discreet service can only be a good thing.

One of those benefiting from that service is Caroline Finch, 49, from Emerson Valley, who suffers from male pattern baldness, and has been visiting Tabitha since the start of her service.

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"It hasn't all come out, it's just the top bit, but it really knocked my self-esteem," says Caroline, who worked at the Open University in the city.

"I'm a very shy person, but this has given me a lot of confidence and it makes me feel better. I have five wigs from Tabitha and can change them if I fancy something different in the morning."

And Caroline remembers the first time she went home with a new purchase. She said: "When I got my first wig it was made of very dark hair. When my husband came back home from work and he saw me with hair it gave him quite a shock!"

Caroline without wig

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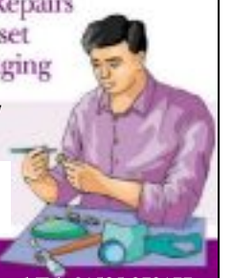

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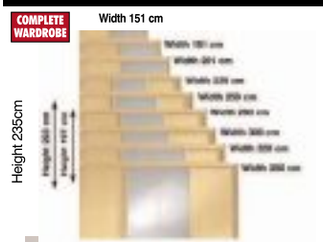

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Allison Waterhouse, events and community fundraiser, said: "I would like to thank Fastbolt Distributors UK Ltd, our main sponsor and the Jury's Inn Milton Keynes for hosting this great event.

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SHADOW Education Secretary Stephen Twigg visited Milton Keynes on Thursday as part of Labour's first city schools road-show.

He was invited by Labour Parliamentary candidates Andrew Pakes and Emily Darlington, and the tour took in visits to Rickley Park Primary School in Bletchley, Loughton School, and MK Academy.

Loughton is soon aiming to become an academy, while MK Academy is the most improved school in the area.

Mr Twigg also met members of the Bangladeshi community at Community House in Bletchley, and engaged in discussion about the local education issues with the community.

Mr Twigg was appointed Shadow Education Secretary in October 2011, and has been critical of his Government counterpart Michael Gove, last week labelling the new national curriculum 'outdated and narrow.'

Speaking about his visit to MK, he said: "It's so important that we get education right to ensure our young people are well prepared for the modern world of work and are able to become active citizens in their own right.

Stephen Twigg , *centre*, talks to Loughton School students on Thursday

"I was impressed by the staff and students I met on my visit to the city."

Andrew Pakes, Labour & Co-operative Parliamentary spokesman for Milton Keynes South, added: "We have great schools in the city and I was really pleased to be able to show Stephen a snapshot of what is happening across the borough. There are some fantastic partnerships between teachers, students, local businesses and the community."

Peter Todd, vice chair of governors of Loughton School, said: "We were delighted that Stephen came to Loughton School. It was a fantastic opportunity to discuss with him his policy plans given there is a chance he could be Secretary of State for Education in around two years - and particularly as we are currently in the process of academy conversion."

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Stantonbury man is jailed for two years

A MAN from Milton Keynes has been jailed for two years after a serious sexual assault.

Stanford Lewis Chinyemba, of Redbridge, Stantonbury, was sentenced at Aylesbury Crown Court last Monday, after sexually assaulting a woman in the Theatre District, Milton Keynes, in July 2012.

He will be deported to Zimbabwe, where he was born, at the end of his sentence.

Four-year crime plan has been approved

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DRAFT proposals for policing and crime reduction over the next four years were approved by members of the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel on Friday.

Plans were submitted to the panel which acts as a scrutiny committee and is made up of one councillor from each authority in Thames Valley.

Strategies included protecting the most valuable members of communities, as well as increasing the visible presence of police officers.

Plans to be published on March 31 also include making sure community safety and criminal justice is delivered effectively.

Panel members questioned the commissioner on alterations made to the plan since they had last commented on it at a previous meeting.

Consultation and views on the plan were carried out by the commissioner with communities including victims of crime.

TVP and Crime Panel chairman Trevor Egleton, said: "The panel will use the plan to hold the commissioner to account over the next four years."

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Police issue photo of 'dangerous' suspect

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THAMES Valley Police has issued a photo of a man wanted in connection with two assaults in Walnut Tree, Milton Keynes – including one where a metal dog chain was used as a weapon.

Darren Levy, aged 31, is believed to be in the Milton Keynes, Northants or West Midlands areas, and is wanted in relation to both assaults.

In an incident at 1.20pm on Friday September 7, 2012, a man had an argument with a woman and a man outside Tesco Express in Walnut Tree. He then followed them into Studley Knapp, Walnut Tree, where he assaulted the man and proceeded to assault the woman using a dog chain.

Milton Keynes Area Commander Supt Barry Halliday said: "We want to question Darren Levy in connection with these two assaults, one of which involved using a dog chain as a weapon.

DANGEROUS: Darren Levy wanted for questioning over two assaults

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Hunt for Woman of The Year 2013

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NOMINATIONS are now open for the second Milton Keynes' Woman of the Year.

Charity Milton Keynes Women and Work has launched the search for women who deserve recognition for their achievements.

It could also be a lady in your life who has overcome adversity or is an inspiration.

Residents are being asked to put forward the names of mums, sisters, friends, wives, colleagues or anybody in their community.

Last year's winner Esther Hughes, of Grange Farm, was nominated by children's centre, Seedlings.

The mum-of-three said: "I was quite surprised and really happy to receive it. I go to the centre with my children regularly."

All finalists will be invited to a champagne reception on June 6 where the winner will be announced and presented with a certificate and an engraved vase. The closing date is April 30.

Woman of the Year 2012, Esther Hughes, with her award

A spokesperson from the charity said: "Milton Keynes Women and Work is proud of its 35 year history of supporting women in Milton Keynes to change for the better their lives, and the lives of their families, by equipping them with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in the workplace and the wider community."

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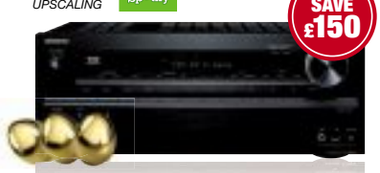

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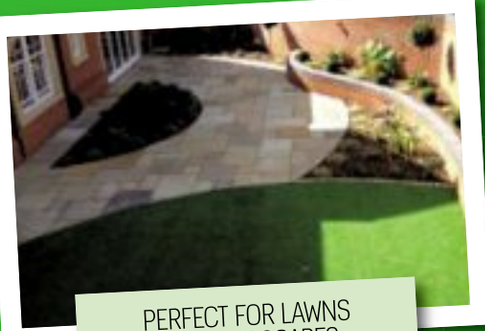

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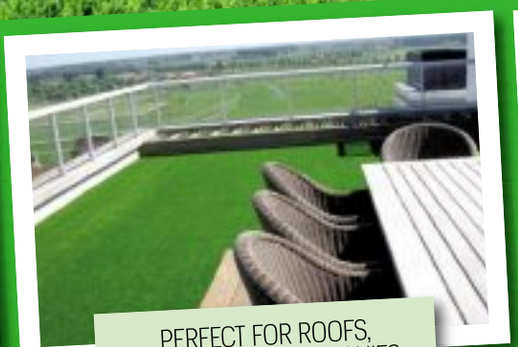

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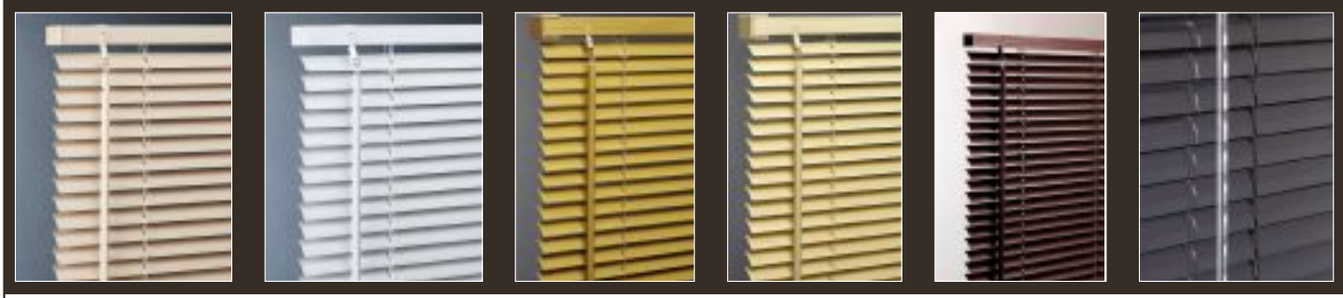

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MPs give thumbs up for the budget

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MILTON Keynes' two MPs have welcomed Chancellor George Osborne's new budget for 2013.

He announced a series of measures, including plans to boost the housing market with interest-free loans, and a new 'help to buy' scheme which will include £3.5bn for shared equity loans and a government interest-free loan which would equate to 20 per cent of the value of a newly-built property.

But the 0.6 per cent growth for the year was half what was forecast just three months ago.

Local politicians have reacted to the budget, with Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes North, commenting: "This budget signals some really positive moves for the people in Milton Keynes, especially the 'help to buy' scheme which will mobilise house owners to climb the property ladder and encourage the building of new homes in our city.

"I'm pleased those most in need will be helped with the tax free allowance being increased to £10,000 a year earlier than anticipated, which will help those on low incomes."

Conservative MPs Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart were impressed

Fellow Conservative Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, added: "Milton Keynes has been ranked the best place to do business and the measures announced will help companies take on more workers so that the city grows even faster.

"I'm delighted the Chancellor has taken steps to ease the cost of living for families."

Andrew Pakes, Labour & Co-operative Parliamentary spokesperson for Milton Keynes South, was far less complimentary, saying that millions would be 'paying more' under Osborne's plans.

"The Budget confirmed that we face another year of low growth and rising living costs, even if we do dodge a triple-dip recession," he said. "Osborne sounded too triumphant rather than focusing on getting the economy growing again.

"Millions will be paying more under George Osborne so that millionaires get a tax cut."

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BY JAMES AVERILL
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A DRINK dating back to the 16th century could be produced in Milton Keynes thanks to The Parks Trust and Woughton Orchard volunteers.

Work began last Wednesday to plant 200 perry pear trees at Woughton Orchard The Trust hopes it will allow traditional perry – made from fermented pear juice and often called pear cider – to be made in the city.

Three varieties of perry pear have been planted – yellow huffcap, hendre huffcap and taynton squash – and should produce their first small harvest in three years.

The Trust's orchard at Woughton formerly contained a vineyard and successfully grows apples for cider-making too. There is also a community orchard where apples can be picked for free.

Laurence Conisbee, of award-winning cider maker Virtual Orchard, is one of the Woughton Orchard Volunteers and will be helping to care for the perry pears.

Laurence said: "Perry is enjoying a renaissance and its production can be a time-consuming and temperamental process, but the end result is worth it.

"There are very few craft producers left so we're pleased that The Parks Trust is supporting this venture as it will help people discover what a fantastic drink traditional perry is."

David Foster, chief executive of The Parks Trust, added: "It's very exciting to think that we could have traditional perry production here, and in four or five years we might even be selling delicious Parks Trust Perry made from locally-grown pears."

(l-r) Volunteers Richard Smith and Laurence Conisbee with David Foster of The Parks Trust, celebrate the planting of the trees

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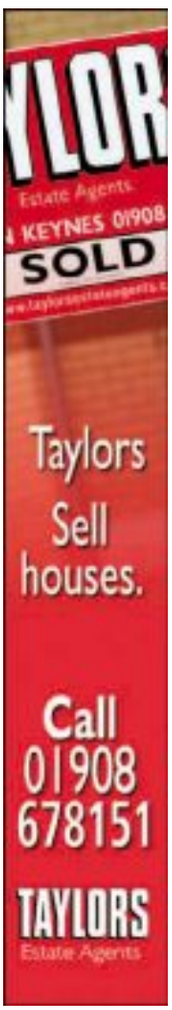

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Mayor steps forward in aid of heel appeal

BY ANDY HANDLEY
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MAYOR Catriona Morris stepped up to add support to The Living Room's 'Heel Appeal' in aid of Harry's Rainbow, a charity that offers support to bereaved children and their families.

Cllr Morris put her best foot forward to remind people that there are just days left to donate your old footwear to raise money for the charity, set up in memory of five-year-old Harry Mould who died unexpectedly in March 2009.

With the collection finishing at the end of the month, The Living Room in The Hub is asking customers who may have towering stilettos that have never seen the light of day, or much-loved loafers on their last legs, to put them to good use.

Donated shoes will be recycled to raise cash for the charity that helps families in Milton Keynes and the surrounding areas.

Harry's mum, Odette, said: "We're delighted that The Living Room is supporting us in this way, and all the money raised will be used to purchase books and other resources, as well as towards the activities and Rainbow groups we hold for bereaved children and their families."

So whether you are well-heeled or down on your uppers, it's your chance to donate, as all types and condition of shoes are made welcome.

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Cllr Morris, *right*, with members of the Mould family and Heel Appeal

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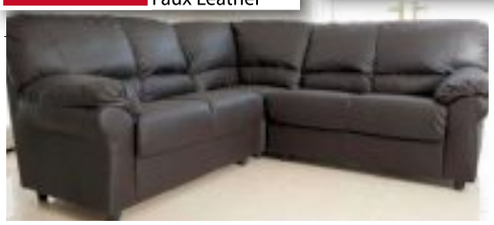

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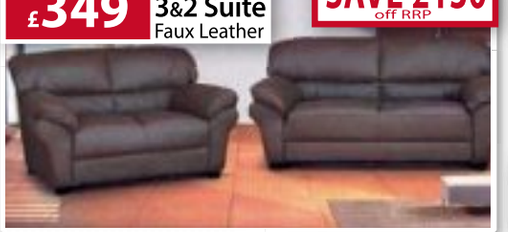

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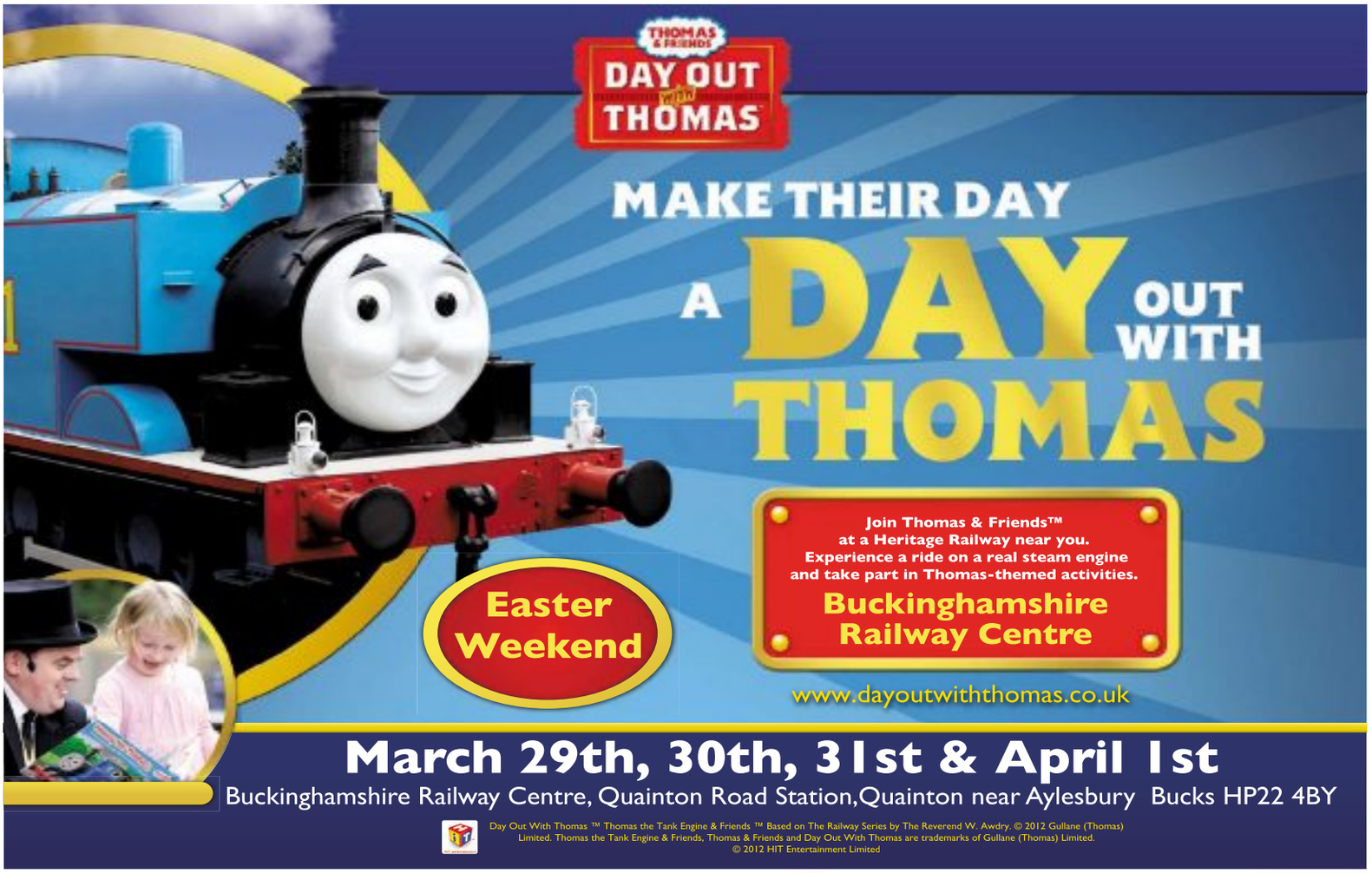
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MK under 11s lose out
SPORTY children from Emerson Valley Junior School narrowly lost out in playing at Wembley in the npower Football League Under 11s Kids Cup. The talented youngsters won the right to represent MK Dons but later lost to a school in Brentford, London, in the regional final at Crawley Town on March 14.

£744k fund for schools
PRIMARY schools in Milton Keynes will be getting a £744,000 boost to sports thanks to money dished out from the Olympic Legacy fund. The cash is part of a £150 million initiative announced by the Prime Minister to inspire the Olympic and Paralympic stars of the future. David Cameron says he plans to raise the standard of sport in every state school.

Leon pupils show creative flair

BY JAMES AVERILL
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STUDENTS at Sir Herbert Leon Academy added their creative flair to the installation of a new biomass boiler at the school.

Pupils were asked to design logos that would be on the front of the boiler, which will provide a new source of low carbon heat to the school and is set to save it £10,000-a-year in energy bills.

Local councillor and school governor Alan Webb unveiled the winning designs by Lauren Morrison and Owen Branch, who each took home an iPod Touch and an energy efficiency hamper.

The competition coincided with National Climate Week, and other activities included pupils insulating a playhouse, and the 'build a book' project where children researched and produced their own book on energy.

Simon Viccars, principal of Sir Herbert Leon Academy, said: "We are always striving to provide the best possible learning environment for our students, and recognise that energy efficiency is an important part of every child's education.

"Through the Climate Day, the students have had a chance to be part of something that will be with the Academy for years to come, and helps deliver an important sustainability message that sets an example to their peers and community."

Winners: Owen Branch and Lauren Morrison are presented with their prizes by staff from the academy and from E.ON

John Walsh, from E.ON, said: "Technology like this biomass system at Sir Herbert Leon Academy delivers the latest innovation in energy efficient heating. This will bring significant benefits to the school in terms of both cost and carbon emissions, and absolutely ties into the smarter and lower carbon-thinking being delivered by Milton Keynes Council as part of the Low Carbon Living Programme.

"It is great to see them sharing this experience with students and raising awareness of renewable energy."

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Schools celebrate Book Day

SCHOOLS across Milton Keynes celebrated World Book Day earlier this month.

Stoke Goldington CE, however, made a week out of the celebration. Firstly, 26 children made the trip to Olney Library, where the librarian was kind enough to read them 'Aliens Love Underpants'. Then back at the school, Mark Lancaster MP joined in with a reading session, while dads, grandads and uncles were invited in to read stories with the pupils as part of a 'male reading models' session.

Children at St Mary's Wavendon Primary School celebrated their day by dressing up in pyjamas and bringing along their favourite bedtime stories.

They were also paid a visit by Milton Keynes' Poet Laureate, Mark Niel, who helped the school's Hawks class write a poem about themselves!

Meanwhile, pupils at Willen Primary School decided to dress up as one character, Where's Wally. Staff joined in as well, meaning that for once, everywhere you looked Wally was there!

World Book Day was held on March 7. To mark the day, children received a World Book Day £1 book token, which they can exchange for one of eight specially published £1 books.

Art attack for Year 8

ST PAUL'S Catholic School pupils had a bout of art attack, as they created aspects of Milton Keynes in the style of artist David Hockney.

The artwork by Year 8 students, which was part of an Enquiry Based Learning project, allowed students to 'think outside the curriculum'.

"They showed an encouraging level of perseverance which was clear with their end products," said deputy head Jo-Anne Hoarty.

"We hope to create learners who question and analyse."

See more pictures by the Year 8 students at www.mk-news.co.uk

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IT'S big, it's bold, it's bop-bee-ba-baa-beeeautiful! Hairspray, that musical celebration of difference, doo-wop and diversity, is coming to Milton Keynes Theatre at exactly the right time.

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The Corny Collins TV Show figures large in Tracy's life. But then, Tracy herself is undeniably larger than life. She's a big girl with big hair and an even bigger heart.

Not to mention a super-plus size agora-phobic mother, Edna, who has a curiously deep voice...

Hairspray is the archetypal triumph of hope over experience; it's got the feelgood factor with added appeal for all ages and it has won enough awards to bust out of the seams. Bit like Tracy's mum, really! Book at www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes.

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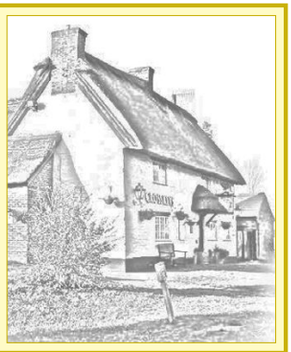

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drfeelgood

AFTER a series of hits in the 1970s brought them to the attention of the nation, pub rockers Dr Feelgood have maintained their popularity over five decades.

Four years ago a documentary about their early days, Oil City Confidential, won a standing ovation at the London Film Festival.

And despite a host of changes to the line-up over the years, the band has stayed true to the gritty, R&B style made famous by original members including guitarist Wilko Johnson who left the group in the 70s and has recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

The current band delivers a high octane blues rock show including hits like 'Milk and Alcohol', 'Roxette', and 'Down at the Doctors'.

Following the tragic death of lead singer Lee Brilleaux in 1994, and a four-year stint with Pete Gage, the band is led by former The Animals' star Robert Kane.

The band line-up is completed by Steve Walwyn on guitar, Phil Mitchell on bass, and Kevin Morris on drums. Dr Feelgood play the Stables at 8pm tomorrow. Tickets cost £16.50.

thecroods

IT'S so hard to bring something new to the animated movie party – but Dreamworks' just about do that with its latest outing.

The Croods might ultimately lack the ingenuity that Pixar brings to the genre – but this wonderfully colourful adventure ticks most boxes.

It stars the world's first prehistoric family, mainly centred around two Hollywood stars who seem to be in everything at the moment – Nicolas Cage as father and family protector Grug, and Spider-Man's Emma Stone as rebellious teenager Eep.

And when the cave they spend most of their lives dwelling in gets crushed, the knuckle-dragging family gets thrust into a dangerously fantastical new world, changing their lives forever.

They then encounter an imaginative fire-making nomad called Guy (Ryan Reynolds) – complete with his comedy monkey belt (the film's major comic relief) – and the majority of the family want to follow his positive outlook, much to the chagrin of Grug, who simply wants to seek solace in another dingy cave.

To be honest, the first half an hour is a bit of a tedious bore, but when the characters start to spread their proverbial wings in this spectacular new world, it starts to have fun, if still in a fairly generic way.

But despite the paint-by-numbers script, and a seen-it-all-before ending, The Croods succeeds with its likeable cast led by Cage and Stone, leaving this to undoubtedly evolve into a successful new family franchise.

Review by Gavin Miller

MKlife

Out and about

The Stables

ianhunter

WHILE Ian Hunter made his name as the leader of 70s rock group Mott the Hoople, he has most recently enjoyed his time as a solo artist.

But he also has a great deal of fondness looking back on his early days in bands, and how it all helped him crack the music industry.

Having been living in nearby Northampton, and spending time listening to American music across the town's pubs, he decided to take up the bass guitar.

From that decision came a long career in rock music.

"I started playing in a band called The Apex Group and slowly became a semi-pro musician," explains Ian.

"We played a number of venues including American bases and played a lot of American tunes. By the time I was 25 years old I had to move to London if I was going to make it in music."

In early 1964, when Hunter was in a band called The Shriekers, they followed the path of The Beatles and headed for Hamburg.

Hunter said going to Germany meant they had to perform for hours on end and it was an 'invaluable lesson' in his musical education.

In the next few years, Hunter continued his journey until in 1969 he formed Mott the Hoople.

They started slowly and in the first year released one single, 'Rock and Roll Queen', which made no impact. An album, Mott the Hoople, only reached number 66 in the UK chart.

In 1972 David Bowie, who had always been a fan of the band, offered them his song 'Suffragette City' which they turned down, so he wrote 'All the Young Dudes' for them instead.

Hunter said: "It was a great song which he gave to us. He did offer us 'Suffragette City' which was an OK song, but we needed something which would be a big hit.

"In the end 'All the Young Dudes' sold 100,000 or 125,000 copies. It all depended on what time of the year you released your records.

"Following 'All The Young Dudes' I wrote the songs. Something like 'Roll Away the Stone' sold four times as many records, but isn't seen as such an anthem."

Having now established himself, Hunter is considered one of rock 'n' roll's most compelling songwriters.

Ian Hunter appears at The Stables on Friday (March 29). Tickets are £25 for an 8pm start.

easterbonanza

IF YOU head down to Mead Open Farm in Leighton Buzzard, then you will be in for an egg-stra-ordinary treat.

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JAMES Cairncross explains what his role involves at the Parks Trust and also why his desk has the best view in Milton Keynes...

I'M James Cairncross and I'm the contracts and mapping manager for The Parks Trust.

My job has two main parts. The first is supervising contract tenders for people who help us keep the parks attractive, healthy and safe. Contracts last for three years and cover things like grass cutting, weed control, shrub pruning, tree maintenance, litter collection and hedge cutting.

Other work, like tree thinning or resurfacing leisure routes, is either let as a specific one-off contract or undertaken by contractors. This helps us maintain flexibility and keep costs under control.

I also manage our mapping system which we can use to take different sources of data, draw it up and present it visually for other people to use.

We're currently installing new signage in our parks starting with Willen Lake, Campbell Park and Linford Wood. I produce detailed maps for our operations team and contractors showing them the different types of signs and their locations.

The mapping software is very powerful and also lets us do more sophisticated things like create 3D models. We used this to design the new bird feeding platform for Furzton Lake. Our 3D drawing showed our contractor what the finished article would look like and let them show members of the public what was being built.

Part of the mapping work I really enjoy is walking around the parks surveying some of the features.

One of the best things is that from my desk I have one of the finest views in Milton Keynes, with Campbell Park on one side and the canal on the other. It's great being able to look out over my favourite park every day.

woburnabbey

THREE of Woburn Abbey's most loved characters will be brought back to life for Easter.

Lord George William Russell was shot four times and his horse twice in battle in Spain in 1809 – both miraculously survived.

The great British custom of taking Afternoon Tea is credited to Duchess Anna Maria, a lady-in-waiting to Queen Victoria who wished to combat 'that sinking feeling' between lunch and supper.

And theatre nurse Duchess Mary developed her love of flying in her 60s, set and broke flight records and then vanished in 1937.

All three are part of the Russell family, who have classed Woburn Abbey as their home for more than 450 years.

Families can also come along to the Easter Egg Trail in the Abbey Garden, to look for trail signs and the opportunity of winning a prize.

The Easter Egg Trail is being held from Friday March 29 until Easter Monday (April 1) from 10am until 5pm.

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incolour

IN Colour is the new band created by UK producer Dan Weller.

Weller has produced albums by bands such as Young Guns, and Enter Shikari, but is now dedicating his time as the axe-man of this underground band who are ready to take the next level up.

Having recorded an album over in Thailand, which will be released in the summer, the five piece band are completed by lead vocalist Dan Tompkins, Ciaran Cahill on synths, Pete Skipper as bass player, and Darren Baxter on drums.

In Colour appear at the Craufurd Arms on Saturday March 30 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £6.

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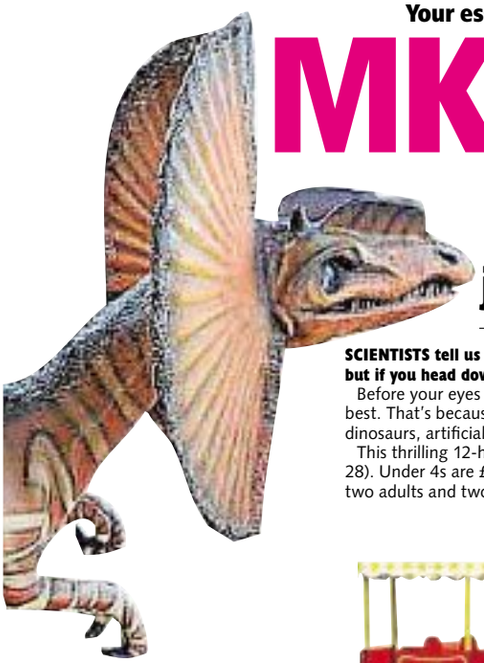

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This thrilling 12-hole adventure is perfect for the family, and opens tomorrow (March 28). Under 4s are £3, under 12s £4, and those aged 12 and over £4.50. A family of two adults and two children is £14.

islandpicks

THE Chrysalis Theatre will launch its Desert Island Movies night with the help of a special guest.

Jennifer Sheridan, *pictured,* was the winner of the Virgin Media Shorts competition in 2012, and wowed judges such as Julie Walters with her short film which included her dog Bowie.

She will talk about the five films she would be stuck on a desert island with, before one of her choices is played in its entirety.

The event takes place at 7.30pm tomorrow (Thursday March 28). Tickets are £5 or £4 concessions.

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- Three Bedrooms
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Downing Close £239,950
- Four Bedrooms
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- Cloakroom & Storage
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- Viewing Recommended

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- Lounge/Diner

The Elms Guide Price £157,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking

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- Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen

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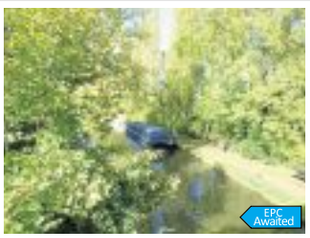
- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms
- Open Plan Fitted Kitchen
- Dining/Family Room
- Patio Area Plus Private Garden
- Double Integral Garage

Milton Keynes £440,000
- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Downstairs Underfloor Heating
- Kitchen/Diner
- Granite Work Surfaces
- Two En-Suite Bathrooms

Woburn Sands £380,000
- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Separate Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Off Road Parking

Tattenhoe £349,000
- Shenley Brook End School Catchment
- Two En-Suites
- Detached Garage
- Four Bedrooms

East Milton Keynes £337,000
- Detached House
- New Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms



Newton Leys £250,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Open Plan Living/Dining
- South West Facing Garden
- Rear Garden

Newton Leys £235,000
- Countryside Development
- Vaulted Ceiling to Master
- Integrated Appliances
- Flooring & Turf Included

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- En-Suite to Master

East Milton Keynes £162,000
- Terraced Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen/Living Area
- Garden

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NEWPORT PAGNELL 01908 611966

Newport Pagnell £235,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Downstairs Shower Rooms
- Family Bathroom

North Crawley OIEO £385,000

- Extended Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Garage
- Rear Garden
- Sought after Village Location

Newport Pagnell £180,000

- Victorian Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Rear Garden

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- Three Bedroom Bungalow
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Dining Area

Newport Pagnell £245,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
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- Ideal Family Home

Cranfield £362,000

- Family Home
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Kitchen, Utility
- Conservatory

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- Study Area
- Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens

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- Detached
- Village Location
- En-Suite to Master
- Conservatory
- Integral Garage

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- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Off Road Parking

Deanshanger £90,000
- Two Bedroom Property
- 50% Shared Ownership
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Old Stratford £230,000
- Semi Detached Property
- 1930s Style
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking

Horsefair Green £190,000
- End Terrace Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living Area
- Original Features
- Two Parking Spaces
- Easy to Maintain Garden

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Medbourne £149,950
- Duplex Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Allocated Parking

Oxley Park £175,000
- Top Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- En-Suite

Tattenhoe £225,000
- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Master with En-Suite

Shenley Brook End £230,000
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen, Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory

Shenley Lodge £250,000
- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Master with En-Suite

Westcroft £250,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Master & Second with En-Suites
- Front & Rear Gardens

Westcroft £285,000
- Five Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Chain

Westcroft £287,500
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Tattenhoe £329,995
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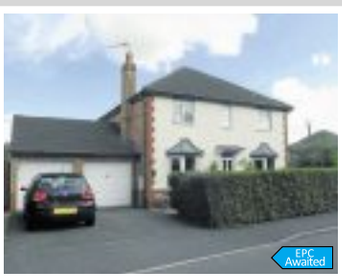
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Master with En-Suite



Emerson Valley £335,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Four Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Driveway & Double Garage

Emerson Valley £339,995
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
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Shenley Brook End £350,000
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SALES AND LETTINGS KINGSTON 01908 585 552
WOLVERTON 01908 312 623

Woburn Sands £385,000
- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Annexe
- Three Reception Rooms
- Village Location

Vicarage Street £375,000
- Four Bedroom Property
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite & Family Bathroom
- Converted Garage/Study Room

Monkston £285,000
- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Reception Room
- Dining Room
- Garden

Hunsbury Chase £192,500
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Driveway & Rear Garden

Hurley Croft £192,500
- End Terraced
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Off Road Parking & Gardens

Walnut Tree £140,000
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Gardens
- Allocated Parking

Bewdley Grove £45,000
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- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner with Juliette Balcony
- Allocated Parking

Felsted £42,500
- One Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Allocated Parking

Wolverton £230,000
- Three/Four Bedroom
- Study
- Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room
- Solar Panels
- Cloakroom

New Bradwell £189,995
- Top Floor
- Three Bedrooms
- Master with En-Suite
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- No Chain
- 5% Vendor Gifted Deposit

Wolverton £150,000
- Two Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Close to Shops
- Re-fitted Kitchen

Field Lane £127,500
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- Garage
- Kitchen/Diner
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Sales and Lettings
Newport Pagnell 01908 611388

Newport Pagnell £280,000

Five bedroom semi detached property which lies in the catchment area of Portfields primary school and Ousedale secondary. Includes en-suite to master, family bathroom, front and rear gardens.

Broughton £270,000

Four bedroom detached property with a single garage situated in the popular location of Broughton. The property comprises study, lounge, dining room, master with en-suite, family bathroom and gardens.

Newport Pagnell £265,000

Four bedroom semi detached property comprising lounge, open plan kitchen/diner, en-suite and balcony to master, family bathroom and gardens to the front and rear. Internal viewing is highly recommended.

Newport Pagnell £230,000

Extended four bedroom semi detached house offering three reception rooms and large kitchen/diner, situated within the catchments of both primary and secondary schools.

Giffard Park £225,000

Three bedroom link detached property briefly comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, family bathroom, driveway leading to garage, front and rear gardens and uPVC double glazing.

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Newport Pagnell £124,000

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Newport Pagnell £115,000

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Get your home ready for the spring rush

Local leading estate agent Taylors in Milton Keynes is gearing up for the traditional spring rush of home buyers to the market and the expected surge in activity over the Easter weekend.

"The warmer sunshine and longer days traditionally attract more buyers to the market, so it is clear to see why spring is seen as the ideal time to sell your home," says Ajay Adia, Branch manager of Taylors Milton Keynes .

"We are currently finding that buyers and sellers are more optimistic about the housing market conditions, properties that are correctly priced and pro-actively marketed are selling well. We expect these next few weeks to be a busy period for us and we are looking forward to helping more people to move home."

Taylors has outlined some top tips to help you sell your home for the best price this spring and ensure your property stands out from the crowd:

1. **Choose the right estate agent -** An agent with a strong local network of branches and an extensive Internet presence will inevitably have access to more buyers. The estate agent should be keen to get the best price for your property and sell your home in the timescale you require.
2. **Correct asking price -** Make sure you take good advice on the likely selling price do your homework and find out what prices similar properties in the area are selling for. Try to. By all means obtain a Market Appraisal from more than one estate agent. But don't always choose the highest or lowest valuation. Choose the one who gives you the most confidence that their coverage will maximise the number of buyers that will hear about your property.
3. **Spring clean -** De-clutter your home and minimalise personal possessions, as a 'blank canvas' can help buyers to visualise how their furniture, belongings and personal style can be added to the property.
4. **DIY -** Consider making minor improvements. Things like wonky shelves, loose door handles and missing tiles are often overlooked by sellers but can be off-putting. There are often cheap, quick and easy to fix and can improve the overall 'look and feel' of the house.
5. **Utilise space -** Ensure each room is set out as it was intended, so a dining room should be a dining room and not a storage area. This will give buyers a better idea of how they can utilise the space.

Paul Chapman, Managing Director of Countrywide Surveying Services, gives his advice on making home improvements. "It is sensible to ensure a property is presented to attract potential buyers. The general appearance of a property, including the internal decoration, could be the deciding factor for buyers choosing between a number of properties," says Paul.

"Prospective buyers will often commission their own property survey and review the findings before finally committing to purchase so the seller should also consider the repair of any major defects known to the seller even if these fall outside DIY and require the use of specialist contractors.

"The return on investment must be fully explored and researched as should the likely timescales required to complete any projects. Advice from property professionals should always be sought if structural alterations are proposed," Paul concludes.

If you are thinking of buying or selling a property and want further information about the local housing market or would like to arrange a free market appraisal or a property survey, contact the team at Taylors in Milton Keynes on 01908 312623 or visit www.propertywide.co.uk

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Interview date: 29th April 2013

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Details and an application form can be found on the 'Job Opportunities' section of our website . Alternatively please contact Caterina Bowman, on 01234 327776.

Closing date for applications Friday 5 April with interviews on 16 and 17 April.

St Andrew's School is committed to safe-guarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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Closing Date
Fri 12th April 2013

Kitchen Porter

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The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check (previously CRB). The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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Email: wootton@wootton.beds.sch.uk
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For a full job description, organisation brief and an application pack, please email info@hrinitiatives.co.uk, stating the position you are enquiring about.

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For an application form and further details please contact the school, tel: 01582 415791 or email: putteridge.high.admin@ luton.gov.uk

Closing date: 23 April 2013 **Ref: 40/0774**

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS).

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ELSTOW LOWER SCHOOL

(Becoming Primary September 2013)

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The school prides itself on its nurturing ethos which meets the individual needs of all pupils and delivers an exciting curriculum which helps all children to engage in their learning and gain success.

The successful applicant will have the ability to teach throughout the school and to lead a subject area.

A TLR could be available for an experienced teacher to become a middle leader and coordinate English or Science throughout the school.

We practice stringent Safe Guarding Procedures

and Equal Opportunities.

Visits are welcomed, to make an appointment to visit please contact: Mrs P Redpath on 01234 302300 or email: predpath@elstowlowerschool.co.uk

Application forms and further information are on the school website at www.elstowlowerschool.co.uk. Applications for this position by e-mail only.

Closing date 23/04/13 interviews will take place between 1-3/05/13

ABBEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mowbray Road, Bedford MK42 9XA

Abbey Middle School has been judged by Ofsted to be 'Good' (March 2013) and is looking for a

KS2 Teacher

A retention allowance of £5k is available for the successful candidate due to this being a fixed term contract from 1/09/2013 to 31/08/2014

The person appointed will work with a Year 6 class alongside an experienced Year 6 team of teachers where students are taught in a primary setting.

We are also looking for

KS3 teachers

of
Mathematics
Science
Modern Foreign Languages
Humanities

1:1 tutors for English and Mathematics

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If you are passionate about teaching and learning and want to inspire our students to achieve beyond their expectations, you'll want to read more about our school.

We are also looking for a

Nurture Group Leader

The successful candidate will receive a retention allowance of £5k due to this being a fixed term contract from 1/09/2013 to 31/08/2014 and further a allowance may be negotiable for the right candidate.

We are seeking to appoint an energetic and enthusiastic leader for our Nurture Group. The right person should have an expertise in the core subjects of literacy and numeracy and be comfortable teaching in a

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Identified students in Year 7 or Year 8 work within the Nurture Group for their mathematics, humanities and literacy based lessons and are taught through a topic based approach that involves trips and visits to make learning exciting and accessible.

To read more about the School please visit us online at www.abbeymiddleschool.co.uk where you can also obtain an application pack for the post you are interested in.

Visits to the school are positively encouraged.

To make an appointment please contact: Mr John Hinson (Business Manager) on 01234 264171

Applications for all posts, which are fixed term for one year, will be accepted by email only to hinsonj@bf7.md.e2bn.net

The closing date is Monday 15th April 2013 at 12 noon and successful candidates will be advised of interview dates shortly thereafter

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To request an application form please contact Human Resources on 01234 248590. Alternatively applicants can send a copy of their CV to julia.gibbins@movianto.com or by post to: Julia Gibbins, HR Department, Movianto, Progress Park, Elstow, Beds MK42 9XE.

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Alzheimer's Society — Leading the fight against dementia

Dementia Support Worker

Location: Bedfordshire and Luton

Closing Date: 12 noon 3rd April 2013

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Hours: 35 per week

Contract type: Fixed Term for 12 months

Alzheimer's Society is the leading support and research charity for people with dementia, their families and carers. Dementia affects over 800,000 people in the UK alone and numbers continue to grow.

We are looking for an individual who would work as part of the Bedford Team and can provide information and support to people with dementia and their family carers living in all sectors of the community across the Bedfordshire area. You will possess NVQ level 3 (or equivalent)

It is desirable that you have experience of working with all sectors of the community, statutory and voluntary agencies.

Interview date: **To be advised**

For further information please contact Fiona Townhill 01234 327380 / e mail bedfordshireandluton@alzheimers.or.uk org please visit our website for further information: www.alzheimers.org.uk/jobs.

Note:
Please download and read the Information Pack, Application Form and Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form before proceeding with your application.

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SITARA MARIAM JOHNS

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And entered our home
A rapture of pure bliss
And delirious joy,
And that bundle of delight,
Baby, was you.
All our love
From all your family.

30th Birthday

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Love Mum, your Wife, your Sister, Brother, and their families xx

KERRYLOUISE KING

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20th March 2013
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SITARA MARIAM JOHNS

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A shining star listened, left heaven,
And entered our home
A rapture of pure bliss
And delirious joy,
And that bundle of delight,
Baby, was you.
All our love
From all your family.

NATALIE HINDS

Is 21!
Happy Birthday Natalie
For 28th March
Love from Mum, Mick and Greg xxxx

Deaths

BERNARD JOHN LAYCOCK

Sadly, but peacefully, passed away surrounded by his family, on Friday 15th March 2013, aged 82 years.

Leaving loyal wife Peggy, daughters Sally, Diana, Catherine and Susanna, twelve Grandchildren and faithful German Shepherd Kevan.

The funeral service will take place at Oundle Road Baptist Church in Peterborough at 11:30am on Tuesday 2nd April 2013, followed by cremation.

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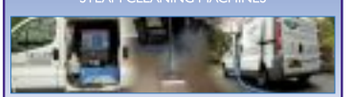

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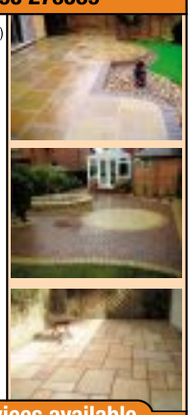

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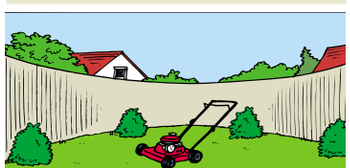

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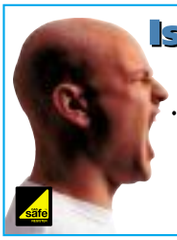

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ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION NOT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT (Regulation 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Land Drainage Improvement Works) Regulations 1999 as amended by SI 2005/1399 and SI 2006/618

COSGROVE WEIR, RIVER TOVE

The Environment Agency gives notice that it proposes to carry out improvement works to the Cosgrove Weir (NGR: SP 794 434), Northamptonshire. The proposed improvement works will involve the following:

- Demolition and removal of existing weir structure.

The Environment Agency considers that the improvement works are not likely to have significant effects on the environment and does not intend to prepare an Environmental Statement in respect of them. An Environmental Checklist and Action Plan have been prepared - further information on these can be obtained from the Environment Agency Project Manager, Robert Barker at the address below.

Any person wishing to make representations in relation to the likely environmental effects of the proposed improvement works should do so, in writing, to the address specified below, within 28 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Robert Barker, ncpms Project Manager
Environment Agency, Kingfisher House
Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay
Peterborough PE2 5ZR

LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

NOTICE is hereby given that Prezzo Plc has applied to the Licensing Authority at Milton Keynes Council for a Premises Licence at the Premises known as Unit 6, The Kingston Centre, Milton Keynes. The following licensable activities are proposed during the following times: The sale of alcohol and late night refreshment (Monday – Saturday 10:00 – 00:00 and Sunday 10:00 – 23:30).

Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Monday to Thursday between the hours of 9am – 5pm and Fridays 9am – 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing. Any interested party (such as a resident or local business) or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do in writing by Monday 22 April 2013 to: Licensing Team, Milton Keynes Council, Regulatory Unit, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ (Tel: 01908 252 800 and e-mail licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

Representations received in response to this application will ordinarily be made available for public inspection, including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities, unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety or protection of children from harm). Individuals making a representation must live in the vicinity of the Premises.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine of £5,000.00 is liable on summary conviction for the offence.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (RIVERSIDE MEADOW FOOTBRIDGE, NEWPORT PAGNELL) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 27 March 2013 made an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access to and along the Riverside Meadow Footbridge, Newport Pagnell to enable works to be carried out on the footbridge in order to demolish the footbridge and build a new footbridge. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from 1st April 2013 and continue until 15th July 2013 for 24 hours every day.

Whilst the above footbridge is closed a temporary footbridge will be made available, situated a short distance away.

The footbridge closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles.

Pedestrian access to premises and properties shall be maintained throughout the closures.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected areas a few days in advance of the closure.

The order will come into operation on 1st April 2013 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 6 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, 27 March 2013
Assistant Director – Law & Governance
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (DRAYTON ROAD (PART), BLETCHLEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of Drayton Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes from the northern junction with Fern Grove to the access road which leads to the Blue Lagoon, whilst a crane is positioned across the road in order to lift signaling structures off of the nearby railway infrastructure. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 8.00 pm on 6 April 2013 until 12.00 midnight on 7 April 2013 inclusive. Should works relating to a current temporary closure in this area over-run the anticipated completion date, the above dates may be subject to change, and further notification stating amended dates will be given in due course.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the order, as the crane is required to extend across the whole carriageway.

Whilst the temporary restrictions are in effect the alternative route will be via Drayton Road, the A4146, Stoke Road and then Drayton Road, and vice versa.

The temporary road closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected parts of roads.

The proposed order will come into operation on 6 April 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 27 March 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (OLNEY ROAD (PART), LAVENDON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 27 March 2013 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of Olney Road, Lavendon, Milton Keynes from Soames Close to the cul-de-sac of numbers 42 to 64 Olney Road, Lavendon, to enable repair works to be carried out on a bridge which has been damaged due to recent flooding. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect for 12 weeks, however due to the urgent nature of the works, and in case of any unforeseen delays, the closure will remain in effect from 1 April 2013 until 1 October 2013. The affected part of road will re-open as soon as it is safe to do so.

Whilst the temporary closure is in effect the alternative route will be via Olney Road, Lavendon, then High Street, the A428, the B565 and Olney Road and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order, other than for emergency services vehicles, and military vehicles whilst being driven on operational duties.

The temporary closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected roads.

The Order will come into operation on 1 April 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 27 March 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (WALTON ROAD (PART), WAVENDON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 27th March 2013, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular access along that part of Walton Road, Wavendon from its junction with St Marys Close to its junction with the A5130 Newport Road, Wavendon.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway, namely, drainage works on Walton Road.

The alternative route for traffic will be via the A5130 Newport Road to Kingston Roundabout then the H9 Groveway, left onto Ortensia Drive, then right onto Isaacson Drive, left onto Passalewe Lane leading into Walton Road, Wavendon and vice versa.

It is anticipated that the temporary road closure will come into effect from Thursday 28th March 2013 until Monday 15th April 2013, inclusive. The road may reopen sooner if the works are completed ahead of schedule.

Advance information signs will be placed at either end of the affected road a few days before the works are due to take place.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order.

The Order will come into operation on 28th March 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of this Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 27 March 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, SHENLEY LODGE) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2013) VARIATION ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects in parts of roads within Shenley Lodge, Milton Keynes:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting' restrictions from 8.30 am to 9.30 am and 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm, Monday to Friday'.

Exemptions from the proposed order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed order, a Statement of Reasons for proposing the order and a copy of the Order that is to be varied by these proposals may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes; and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be made in writing and sent to the undersigned to be received no later than 17 April 2013 quoting reference BAS-P&E-006851-2097.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 27 March 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

ALTERATIONS TO WAITING AND LOADING/UNLOADING RESTRICTIONS IN PARTS OF OLDBROOK, NEWPORT PAGNELL, NEATH HILL, BLETCHLEY AND WAVENDON GATE, MILTON KEYNES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 27 March 2013 made 5 Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Orders, the titles of which are listed below, come into effect on 28th March 2013 and affect all classes of vehicles. Parts of roads within the above areas of Milton Keynes will be affected by the following restrictions:-

Oldbrook Boulevard Service Road, Olbrook (Oldbrook First School)
- The introduction of a 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction.

Green Park Drive, Newport Pagnell (Green Park Combined School)
- The variation of an existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction.

Currier Drive, Neath Hill (St Monica's Catholic Combined School)
- The reduction of an existing 'Limited Waiting' restriction to facilitate one unrestricted parking bay.

Queensway, Bletchley (Knowles County Middle School)
- The removal of an existing 'No Waiting at any Time' restriction.

Gregories Drive, Wavendon Gate (Wavendon Gate First School)
- The introduction of 'No Waiting at any Time' restrictions and 'No Loading or Unloading between 8.30 am and 9.30 am and 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm' restrictions.

Exemptions from the Orders include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the Orders together with maps showing the areas referred to, and Statements of Reasons for proposing the Orders may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell Library, St John Street, Newport Pagnell and Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or any provision contained in the Orders on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Orders were made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 27 March 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

Order Titles

1. THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (OLDBROOK BOULEVARD SERVICE ROAD (PART), OLDBROOK) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2013
2. THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (GREEN PARK DRIVE, KENNINGTON CLOSE AND ELTHORNE WAY (PARTS), NEWPORT PAGNELL) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND STOPPING) ORDER 2003) VARIATION ORDER 2013
3. THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, NEATH HILL) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2012) VARIATION ORDER 2013
4. THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, CENTRAL BLETCHLEY AND FENNY STRATFORD) (CONSOLIDATION OF PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2002) REVOCATION ORDER 2013
5. THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (GREGORIES DRIVE, WAVENDON GATE) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2013

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (HIGH STREET AND OLNEY ROAD (PARTS), EMBERTON) (PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FOR ACCESS ONLY) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 27 March 2013 made the above named Order under sections 1(1), and 2(1) to (3) of the Act.

The Order, which comes into effect on 28 March 2013, affects all classes of motor vehicles and has the following effects within Emberton, Milton Keynes:-

1. The introduction of 'No Waiting from 1st March to 30th September between the hours of 10 am - 10 pm' restrictions along part of Hulton Drive.

There will be exemptions for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven by special forces on operational duties, vehicles carrying out duties for any statutory undertaker, the Environment Agency and Milton Keynes Council and for local bus services and schools contract vehicles.

A copy of the Order, the Council's statement of reasons (part of which relates to the proposal to make this order), and a map showing the length of road referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, at Olney Library, High Street, Olney, Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ. Please quote reference number BAS-P&E-5976/2003/2.

Please note:- The proposed restriction relating to the prohibition of all motor vehicles from driving through Olney Road and High Street at their entry points into Emberton village, except for access, between the hours of 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm Monday to Friday (as notified on 20 February 2013) will not take effect within the above Order which is being made in accordance with Part IV Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 Ss.19(1), (2) (b) & (c) and (3), and further notification will be given in due course in relation to the future of this proposed restriction.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 27 March 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

COMMONS ACT 2006- SECTION 15(1)

Notice of an application for the registration of land as a Town or Village Green

To every reputed owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of any part of the land described below and to all others whom it may concern.

Application has been made to Milton Keynes Borough Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ by Mr Timothy Michael James of 13 Penn Road, Fenny Stratford, Milton Keynes, MK2 2AU under section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons (Registration of Town or Village Greens) (Interim Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2007. The application seeks the inclusion in the register of town or village greens of the land described in the Schedule below which is claimed to have qualified for registration as a town or village green by virtue of it having been used by a significant number of the inhabitants in Fenny Stratford in the parish of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford for lawful sports and pastimes, as of right, for at least 20 years and continuing to be so used.

The application which includes a plan of the land proposed for registration may be inspected as the following office: Legal Services, Milton Keynes Borough Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

If the registration authority is satisfied that the land described below qualifies for registration as a town or village green, it will so register the land.

Any person wishing to object to the registration of the land as a town or village green should send a statement of facts on which the objection is based to Ms. S. Bridglalsingh, Legal Services, Milton Keynes Borough Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ on or before the 13th May, 2013. Any representations that are to be taken into account by the Authority in reaching a decision on the application cannot be treated as confidential and will be copied to the applicant for comment and may be disclosed to other interested parties

Dated 27th March, 2013

Legal Services, Milton Keynes Council

Schedule

Land usually known as the Square, Penn Road, Fenny Stratford and located at Fenny Stratford, Milton Keynes to the South of Penn Road, East of Numbers 11-13 Penn Road, Fenny Stratford and to the West of Number 10 Penn Road, Fenny Stratford and North of an area of undeveloped open land.

COUNCIL TAX 2013-14

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 11A (4) and (4a) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that on the 20th February 2013, Milton Keynes Council made the following determinations which commence on 1 April 2013 and remain in effect until varied or revoked by determination

Class A
In relation to any dwelling in Milton Keynes administrative area on any day where this class as prescribed by the Secretary of State applies, the Council determined the following discount:

For any day where the dwelling meets the prescribed definition: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%

Class B
In relation to any dwelling in Milton Keynes administrative area on any day where this class as prescribed by the Secretary of State applies, the Council determined the following discount:

For any day where the dwelling meets the prescribed definition: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%

Class C
In relation to any dwelling in Milton Keynes administrative area on any day where this class, as prescribed by the Secretary of State applies, the Council made the following determinations;

1. For any day on or after 1 May 2013 where any dwelling is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) and has been so for a continuous period of less than 1 calendar month immediately preceding the day in question: 100% discount
2. For any day on or after 1 May 2013 where any dwelling is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) and has been so for a continuous period of 1 calendar month or more immediately preceding the day in question: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%
3. For any day from 1 April 2013 to 12 May 2013 where the property is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C), but has not been unoccupied and not substantially unfurnished (not meeting Class C prescription) for a continuous period of 6 weeks or less immediately preceding the day in question: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%.
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5. For any day, in respect of any dwelling that has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) for a continuous period of one month or more immediately preceding 1 April 2013 and continues to be unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) on 1 April 2013: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%
6. For any day, in respect of any dwelling that, on or after 1st April 2013 has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) for a continuous period of more than one day but less than one month prior to 1st April 2013, a 100% discount for each day until the total unoccupied and unfurnished (Class C) period equals 31 days.
7. For any day, in respect of any dwelling that, on or after 1 April 2013 has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) for more than one day prior to 1st April 2013, and the total unoccupied and unfurnished (Class C) period equals a continuous period of more than 31 days: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%

Class D
In relation to any dwelling in Milton Keynes administrative area on any day where this class as prescribed by the Secretary of State applies, the Council determined the following discount:

For any day where the dwelling meets the prescribed definition: 50% discount.

Chief Executive, Civic Offices, Central Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 **WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**

13/00211/FUL Installation of canopy over shop-front at 4 Church Street, Stony Stratford.

13/00281/FUL Renovation, alterations and reorganisation of internal layout; changes to window and door openings including proposed dormer window; construction of two entrance porches; alterations of existing brick boundary wall and access gate, proposed bin store at Chaff Barn, 2 Manor Court, Olney Road, Emberton.

13/00284/TPO Tree preservation order to reduce and reshape crown of 1x Lime (T1) by 1/3rd and thin out by 10% and reduce and reshape the crown of 1x Sycamore (T2) back to previous points and crown clean 1 Broughton Road, Milton Keynes Village.

13/00465/TCA Notification of intention to crown lift one Beech tree by 0.5m; crown lift one Yew tree by 0.5m; crown lift small unknown tree next to path by 0.5m; removal of Bramble next to window; light prune to one Holly tree; removal of Ivy from walls and outhouse roof at National Westminster Bank, 49 High Street, Woburn Sands.

SECTION 73 **AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A CONSERVATION AREA**

13/00480/FUL Demolition of existing garage/garden store and erection of new garage/garden store 30 Wood Street, Woburn Sands.

SECTION 67 **LISTED BUILDING**

13/00186/LBC Listed building consent replace existing windows and doors to the ground floor rear elevation to 24 houses at 1 - 24 Spencer Street, New Bradwell.

13/00386/FUL Erection of two storey detached garage at Lathbury Park, Church Lane, Lathbury.

13/00387/LBC Listed building consent for erection of two storey detached garage at Lathbury Park, Church Lane, Lathbury.

SECTION 67 & 73 AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING

13/00477/FUL Change of use of first floor from function room (use class sui generis) to theatre school studios (use class D1) at Newport Pagnell Working Men's Club, 28 Silver Street, Newport Pagnell.

SECTION 67 & 73 LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

13/00377/LBC Listed building consent for replacement front and back doors; replacement of existing second back door with a window; replacement of 4 x windows at 3 Charity Cottages, Lower Weald, Calverton.

13/00493/LBC Listed building consent for construction of replacement boundary wall and pallisade fence with gates (part retrospective) at 6 The Green, Woughton On The Green.

13/00494/FUL Construction of replacement boundary wall and pallisade fence with gates (part retrospective) at Appletree Cottage, 6 The Green, Woughton On The Green.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
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FOOTBALL

Passion sparked Crewe comment

KARL Robinson's declaration that he would be Dons manager next season was simply said out of 'pure passion' the boss said this week.

Robinson launched a fierce attack on his squad following Tuesday night's 2-1 defeat at Crewe and said: "Some of them might not be playing for the football club next year.

"I'll be here but some of them might not be as that wasn't acceptable."

As one of the country's most highly regarded tacticians there is often speculation about Robinson's future, but when asked by MK SPORT he said the statement at Crewe did not mean his place in the stadiummk dugout next year was set in stone.

"That was just pure passion coming out of me at the end of the

game," he said.

"I came out with that statement because I believe passionately in the football club, and that's all I can say.

"What the future holds, I don't know. I honestly don't know.

"But I do have a three and a half year rolling contract and it's very difficult to break them.

"It's not like my contract is up and I'm walking away on a free transfer.

"If it's any good to you I am already planning games for the summer."

Robinson was publicly courted by Championship side Blackpool in January and although league form has been disappointing this season, he takes solace in the club's FA Cup heroics, which included a famous 2-1 victory over AFC Wimbledon on route to the fifth round.

"We've had some of the most iconic games in the club's history, the pinnacle of that being the AFC Wimbeldon game," Robinson, *pictured*, said.

"I'm very lucky to be part of a unique football club."

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More set to be sent abroad

MORE Dons youngsters will be loaned out to foreign clubs as part of their development following George Baldock's successful spell in Iceland.

Twenty-year-old Baldock, the brother of Dons hero Sam, spent time at Úrvalsdeild outfit IBV at the start of the season and manager Karl Robinson believes that time abroad can only be beneficial for a player's long-term development.

"The young players who want to be professionals at this football club have to go and spend a month abroad to play football," Robinson said.

"I don't think young players should have a big summer, they need to play football.

"They can go and learn a culture and a different style and they come back more mature."

Midfielder Baldock, *pictured,* **played a Europa League tie in Iceland and is back competing for a Dons place after another loan at Tamworth.**

"He's like a Duracell bunny, he's got batteries that go forever and a day," Robinson said.

Fourteen-year-old Hugo Logan linked up with the first team before Saturday's game at Colchester was postponed.

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ICE HOCKEY

MK aim to down Jets

MK LIGHTNING will be focussed on revenge when they clash with Slough Jets in the play-offs once again this weekend.

The city outfit will begin their campaign for the last silverware of the season with a two-leg showdown against the Berkshire club – the side who ended their hopes at the same stage last year.

That was a particularly agonising defeat for Lightning who looked to have the tie sewn up after a commanding 7-4 victory in the first leg.

It wasn't to be though as Slough fought back to win 7-3 after overtime in the second match, before going on to win the entire play-off competition.

In another twist, the two sides met on Saturday in the final regular season game in the English Premier League, with the Jets taking the spoils with a 3-1 win.

Lightning coach Nick Poole hopes his side can use the hurt felt last year as a motivator.

"At one point in the first leg we were 5-1 up and it could have been all but won, but we let them get it back to 5-3 which gave them a bit of life," he said.

"That's an important lesson to remember, we should not have sat back. Then in the second leg unfortunately we just saw things evaporate mentally."

Poole hopes that the defeat to Slough this weekend may help his side's play-off preparations.

Leigh Jamieson's solitary strike was not enough for Lightning who finished fourth in the overall table, one place above the Jets.

"It may have been a good result for us," Poole said.

"We can look on it as being a wake up call and a reason to not be complacent in the play-offs.

"Hopefully it will give us more focus and get us switched on a little more, and allow us to play with more intensity."

The play-off competition is contested by the top eight finishers in the league, with four quarter final clashes to kick things off.

Four winners from these matches advance to finals weekend in Coventry and as four-time winners Lightning fans know what it's like to taste success.

"After missing out so painfully last year we're desperate to get to Coventry," Poole said.

"We think that at our best we are better than fourth place but we've just been too inconsistent.

"The play-offs are something we have won a few times and there is no better feeling than winning that final big game."

Lightning travel to Slough on Saturday for the first leg, before the home fixture on Easter Sunday, face-off at 5.30pm.

That will be the last fixture at Planet Ice prior to refurbishment during the 2013/14 season.

Play-off joy: Nick Poole salutes the Lightning fans after victory over Manchester Phoenix in Coventry in 2010/11. Pic: Jez Tibbetts

TOURING CARS

More to come from Nash

Leading independent: Work is carried out on Nash's car in Italy

MILTON Keynes racer James Nash was not satisfied with his performance on the opening weekend of the World Touring Cars season despite driving his way to the top of the Independents' standings.

Nash came seventh in both races in Italy but he was the second independent driver home on each occasion which sees him lead the way in the race for the Yokohama Trophy.

Bamboo Engineering's Nash, who is driving a Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T, is eighth in the overall drivers' standings – a championship he hopes to challenge for.

Wet conditions at the circuit in Monza made sure that it was a tough start to the campaign for the 27-year-old.

"This weekend has been a bit of a baptism of fire for me," Nash said.

"Monza is a very fast circuit for my first race in a Cruze, and you can add bad weather to that.

"On one hand I'm relieved to come out leading the Yokohama Independents' Trophy but there is still much more to come from me."

Nash, a former British Independents' champion, leads on the global stage ahead of Bamboo team mate Alex MacDowell, who was third in the opening race but 20th in the second, and Danish driver Michel Nykjær who was 20th first up before a second placed finish in race two.

He began race one in Monza from fifth on the grid and enjoyed a fierce battle with the Hondas of Tiago Monteiro and Norbert Michelisz before his first seventh placed finish.

In race two Nash made a great start and got up to fourth after another fifth placed start, but he could not maintain that position and slipped back down the field.

French treble world champion Yvan Muller won both races.

Bamboo Chief Executive Richard Coleman said that the team had made a positive start, but he targeted greater things.

"We have had a good outing in some challenging conditions," he said after after the races.

"Leaving Monza one and two in the Yokohama Trophy is nice but the drivers championship is our real focus."

The season, which is Nash's second in World Touring Cars, continues on April 6/7 at the Marrakech street circuit in Morocco.

FORMULA ONE

Red Bulls must recover after spat in Malaysia

SEBASTIAN Vettel admitted that he 'messed up' by ignoring team orders to win the Malaysian Grand Prix in Sepang on Sunday.

The German was told to stay behind team-mate Mark Webber but he instead overtook the Australian to claim victory and top the Formula One standings.

A storm of controversy has since enveloped the Tilbrook based team due to a public rift between its two drivers.

"I would love to come up with a nice excuse as to why I did it," Vettel, *pictured*, **said.**

"I owe an explanation to Mark and the whole team."

Webber said he was 'not satisfied' with the outcome and it could now take time for the drivers to regain trust between themselves.

"Unfortunately drivers' interests can sometimes come into conflict with the teams'," Team Principal Christian Horner said.

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RUGBY UNION

BLETCHLEY'S South West 1 East clash beat the freeze on Saturday but Stuart Van Rooyen's side were edged out 10-6 after making the journey to Newbury Blues.

The visitors knew that a win would probably secure their league status for another season and they were 6-3 up at half-time thanks to two Phil Harman penalties, although this was scant reward for their possession and territory.

In the second half Bletchley suffered a blow when both fly-half Harman and hooker Josh Peters were lost to injury.

Van Rooyen's men found it difficult to maintain their early momentum and Newbury scored the only points of the half with a try under the posts.

Bletchley remain 10th in the league, one place above Newbury Blues and seven points above the relegation zone with three games remaining.

• Milton Keynes saw their crucial promotion clash with Grove postponed in the Southern Counties North, and in the same division Olney's game with Drifters was also called off due to the weather.

ATHLETICS

MK ATHLETIC club's Jan Hardcastle (F50) was sixth in the high jump at the European Masters Indoor Championships in San Sebastian, Spain.

Hardcastle cleared a height of 1.25m and was also 11th in the long jump with a distance of 3.76m.

Meanwhile, at the Birmingham Indoor Open Meeting Chuko Cribb (M20) cleared 13.77m in the triple jump, James Mottram (M15) long jumped 4.63m and triple jumped 10.43m while Lucy Johnston (F17) recorded 1.55m in the high jump and 10.48m in the triple jump.

• In MK the South of England 12 Stage Road Relays, hosted by the club, had to be postponed due to the weather.

Ice around the Linford Wood circuit was deemed to be too dangerous for the 80 teams expected to compete in the annual event, forcing its cancellation.

TAEKWONDO

STUDENTS from the city's Chand Institute of Taekwondo attended the Scottish Championships at the Ravenscraig Sports Facility in Motherwell and had a great result and brought home a number of medals, including eight golds.

For more details on who won what, visit www.mk-news.co.uk/sport.

GYMNASTICS

MK resident Lisa Mason was sixth in the vault at the British Championships.

The 31-year-old former Olympian has made a shock return to the sport after 13 years and won the English title last month.

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Dons will lose stars if it's the third tier again

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KARL Robinson has admitted that he won't be able to hang onto all of his star names if Dons are once again in League One next season.

The 32-year-old boss said that if faced with another year in the third tier, some players he would like to keep would inevitably head for the exits to ply their trade elsewhere.

However, he did predict that most of the squad would stay at stadium:mk regardless of what division Dons find themselves in, putting the figure at 90 per cent.

"I don't think we would keep some of them," Robinson said.

"It's not fair for me to individually name people, but it would be hard as some of them would have maybe outgrown the club so it would be time for them to go and play and test their wits at the next level.

"You can't turn your back on that, these people have put their heart and soul into the football club."

Another season at the same level looks to be almost a certainty for Dons with Robinson's men 11 points adrift of the play-off places with just eight games remaining.

Promotion to the Championship was always the aim this season and failing to do so would be a bitter disappointment after much optimism before opening day.

One of the risks of falling short was always that the squad could break up with star names like Stephen Gleeson and Shaun Williams firmly in the shop window.

Gleeson, who was also linked with a move away following last season's play-off defeat to Huddersfield, has made no secret of his desire to play in the Championship and get back into the Republic of Ireland squad, while impressive defender Williams has caught the eye of several clubs.

Centre back Gary MacKenzie, who made a surprise loan switch to Championship outfit Blackpool earlier this month, could be another to depart with his future uncertain.

"I know there are an awful lot of people coming to watch an awful lot of our games," Robinson said.

"I don't predict they will all stay but I predict most of them will stay, I'd say 90 per cent of them will stay.

"That's a wonderful retention of players when you've got such a gifted crop.

"I think we've signed assets, and it's important if we do sell them we use the money wisely and put it back into the group and try and rebuild in certain areas.

"I've already got targets for the summer in particular positions. The players will know I'll beg them to stay and I hope they will stay."

Dan Powell and Luke Chadwick will definitely be at the club next year after signing new deals, and Robinson said another player could sign improved terms this week.

That might be Adam Chicksen who has been offered a contract extension after impressing in recent weeks.

The Academy product has starred on both flanks in both defence and midfield and has built a strong rapport with the home fans who have taken to the city born player.

"I predict most of this team will stick together as they feel it has been a very stop start season," Robinson said. "If that's the case then they will be very competitive next year."

Star name: Influential midfielder Stephen Gleeson could be the most high profile departure from Dons this summer. Picture: Andy Handley

I can't watch Sky Sports says boss

SKY Sports News has been switched off in Karl Robinson's office for months as the sight of the League One table 'sickens him'.

Promotion was the target at the start of the season but a series of disappointing results has left Dons languishing in 12th, which does not make for good reading for the manager.

The channel constantly shows various league tables on a loop and the regular reminder of the mid-table placing is not something Robinson has been able to cope with.

"I haven't had Sky Sports News on in my office for a number of months," the Dons manager said.

"It turns my stomach every time I look at it, and it deeply hurts me.

"You have the league table next to Mick Harford's column in MK NEWS and I can't look at it. It hurts the players and it hurts us all.

"I want to do something about that before the end of the season as right now it's not great when you look at the league table."

Robinson's men face two League One games in four days over the Easter weekend – a trip to Hartlepool United on Good Friday and then a home game with Brentford on Monday.

The boss has said that six wins from the remaining eight games is a minimum requirement if the club's doomed looking promotion bid is to be restored, but despite that tough ask he is refusing to give up hope.

Robinson believes that cruel injury blows and harsh red card decisions have halted his side's progress.

"I haven't given up on this season yet," he said.

"We believed that the team we had at the start of the season was good enough but that team hasn't played.

"I do believe that team would have got out of the league this year, but I can't prove that as the team hasn't played together.

"That's the frustrating thing for me as I would have liked to have been judged this year on my strongest 14.

"We'll be judged this year but not on what we could have been able to play."

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